



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 3693
Examiner: Mr. Daniel S. Felten

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Kazunori SUZUKI et al)
Serial No. : 09/899,818)
Filed : July 9, 2001)
For : RELAY SERVER, RELAYING)
METHOD AND PAYMENT SYSTEM)
Attorney Ref. : SAT 163)

**AMENDMENT
and
ELECTION**

January 3, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responsive to the Office Action of November 30, 2006, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on December 30, 2006 (a Saturday, followed by Sunday December 31, 2006 and New Year Day on Monday January 1, followed then by a national day of mourning for President Gerald Ford on Tuesday, January 2, and thus on January 3, 2007).

A fee of \$ Now is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicants hereby provisionally petition for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our deposit account 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.